

gence of a profit-seeking steamship company.

Are not the lives of these people just as precious as the lives of those who perished on the *Ludlow*? If they are, then let the government be just as drastic with the officials of the steamship as with the German government.

But it is doubtful whether this will be done. Perhaps the officials of the steamship company will go scot-free, while the captain of the vessel will be sent to the penitentiary for life, just as was the captain of the steamer *Slocum*, which was destroyed by fire on the East river in New York some years ago.

The guilty are always permitted to escape, while the innocent suffer for the negligence of others. Such is the law of the land.—Chas. Schweser, 4134 Monticello Av.

IS "C. H." MISQUOTING? — It is certainly surprising to see such misquotations in *The Day Book* as appear over the initials of C. H. Almost everything quoted from the letters of Pope Leo XIII. is so distorted as to change the meaning entirely. I have not the time to spare or you the space to waste to go into many of them, but I will give one shining example. In *Golden Text No. 12*, C. H. quotes from page 26 as follows: "They cease not from asserting that all men are by nature equal," thereby inferring that the author, Leo XIII., opposes democracy. The whole text reads as follows: "They (speaking of Socialists, Communists and Nihilists) in good sooth cease not from asserting—as we have already mentioned—that all men are by nature equal and hence they contend that neither honor or respect is owed to public authority, nor any obedience to the laws, saving perhaps to those which have been sanctioned according to their own good pleasure."

The phrase "in good sooth" is omitted by C. H. and thus the entire meaning is changed. According to

Webster "sooth" means "truth," and the author in this paragraph admits the truth that all men are by nature equal, but denies that this equality excuses them from obedience to lawful authority.

C. H. is guilty of literary abortion in every text taken from the writings of Pope Leo XIII. By following his method I can take the bible or the constitution of the United States and prove anything to be the opposite of what it really is.—A. B. H.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.—Supporters of the public school system are all anxiously waiting the return of Mayor Thompson from California. Staunch supporters of him and the schools are all predicting a great future for him and the appointments he is soon to make. Just one word, and that is, we all hope he will put none on the board only those who have received their education in the public schools. If Ella Flagg Young has ruled that it is wrong to belong to a secret society among the scholars then why does she tolerate it in the federation? Chicago does not need one of her stripe as she has proved herself a traitor by allowing things to get in the condition they have. Put none but true blue Americans on the school board, Mr. Thompson, and I predict you will be the president of the United States in 1916.—Oak Park.

GOLDEN TEXT NO. 14. — Leo XIII., Letters, page 102: "Tear away the mask from Freemasonry and let it be seen as it really is, * * * as the whole principle and object of the sect lies in what is vicious and criminal."

GOLDEN TEXT NO. 15. — The New World, Chicago, March 26, 1910: "The head of the Masonic craft is a monster, who, if known, could not save himself from the hangman. No great effort of the imagination is required to picture the vile, hideous creature that sits on the throne of the Black Lodge."—C. H.